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## **Maryland's Parole and Probation Employees to Be Honored July 15-21 During National Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week**

TOWSON, MD (July 13, 2007)---Maryland's more than 800 agents and monitors in the Division of Parole and Probation will be honored for their hard work during national Probation, Parole, and Community Supervision Week July 15-21. The Division of Parole and Probation supervises more than 67,000 people in communities across Maryland, with 48 offices located from Oakland to Elkton to Ocean City.

In a proclamation announcing Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week issued by Governor O'Malley, he writes, "The State of Maryland is very proud of the important record of public service faithfully rendered by these individuals who perform one of the most critical functions in the criminal justice system..."

Parole and probation employees make communities safer by helping offenders to get jobs, educational services, life skills and treatment, while at the same time, determining if the offender is an unacceptable risk to the community. Agents and Monitors walk a fine line between enforcer of justice and mentor. Daily, these employees encourage and demand offenders to make better choices and obey the law. Agents and monitors feel that if they are able to impact just one person a day, they've prevented a crime from happening.

"I'm extremely proud of the work these men and women do," says Judith Sachwald, Director of the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation. "They help turn lives around, and actually turn many people from offenders into taxpaying citizens who've found jobs and broken addictions."

Members of the media in all parts of Maryland are encouraged to "**spend a day in the life**" of a local DPP agent, to see firsthand their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Maryland. Please call ahead so that an agent will be available.

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